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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MONTAGUE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

**Watch the School Appropriation, Not as a Tax
but as an Investment**

In Memoriam

MRS. MARY E. ARGY
Clerk of Montague School Committee
Died October 24, 1947

Period of Service:

1912-1921

1928-1947

Clerk 1916-1921 and 1933-1947

WHEREAS, Divine Providence has called Mrs. Mary E. Argy from our midst and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Argy had served the Town of Montague for a period of twenty-eight years as a faithful member of the Montague School Committee, and

WHEREAS, The School Committee desires to commemorate in some appreciative manner her distinguished service to the cause of education in the Town of Montague,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the members of the Montague School Committee do hereby express our profound sorrow at her passing and extend our sympathy to the members of her family in the hour of their bereavement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That these resolutions be recorded in the School Committee records as a tribute to her loyal and faithful service as a school committee member and her efficiency and accuracy during her twenty-one years as a clerk of that committee: and that the School Committee make a public expression of appreciation, devote a page of its Annual Report to the memory of Mrs. Mary E. Argy, and send a copy of these resolutions to her family.

JOSEPH A. HARLOW

ANNA M. CHARRON

PHILIP D. SHANAHAN

SAMUEL BLASSBERG

EUGENE E. KOCH

RUSSELL G. WEBSTER

WAYNE E. PLEASANT

RAYMOND J. GEORGE

ARTHUR E. BURKE

Montague, Massachusetts
December 4, 1947

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CHAIRMANJoseph A. Harlow

CLERKMrs. Mary E. Argy-January-October
Raymond George-November-December

COMMITTEE

Name	Residence	Term expires
Mrs. Mary E. Argy	Turners Falls	1950
Samuel Blassberg	Turners Falls	1948
Mrs. Joseph R. Charron	Turners Falls	1950
Raymond George	Montague	1950
Joseph A. Harlow	Turners Falls	1949
Eugene Koch	Turners Falls	1948
Wayne Pleasant	Turners Falls	1948
Philip D. Shanahan	Turners Falls	1949
Russell Webster	Montague City	1950

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLSArthur E. Burke, 15 Crocker Avenue
Turners Falls, Mass., Telephone 534

Office: Turners Falls High School Tel. 505

Secretary to Superintendent of Schools

Catherine M. Kelley, 8 Chestnut St.

Turners Falls, Mass., Tel. 529

Office Hours:

Daily 8:30 a.m. to 12:00

1:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 12:00

The superintendent may be seen at his office by appointment.

ROSTER OF TEACHERS**Turners Falls High School**

Name of Teacher	Position	Began Service in Montague
George F. Wrightson	Principal	1929
Garvin Graeber	History, Coach	1947
Richard E. Putnam	Science, Physical Education	1946
Charles H. Galvin	Science	1931
John E. Welch	Science	1943
Bernard J. Foley	Math., English, Latin	1937
Louise M. Clark	Latin, English	1933
Welcome Ayer	English	1920
Alice Teed	English, Speech	1929
Helen McGillicuddy	English, Spanish	1932
Florence C. Porter	French, Spanish	1934
Evelyn C. Lindsay	Mathematics	1928
Edward M. Vinten	Mathematics, History	1945
Olive L. Little	Commercial	1926
Eileen R. Maguire	Commercial	1945
Alice H. Reum	Home Economics	1937
Margaret Crean	Com. Geography, Com. Arith.	1937
Therese Parks	Secretary to Principal	1945

The Grammar School

Ernest Pike	Prin. Manual Training	1947
Rose E. Shanahan	Grade 7	1917
Anna R. Daley	Grade 7	1911
Blondena J. Argy	Grade 8	1921
Mrs. Ellen A. Trembl	Grade 8	1904
Irene E. Hanifin	Grade 6	1933
Rita E. Conway	Grade 6	1939
Agnes Hanifin	Grade 5	1936
Lucille Grogan	Grade 5	1932
Grace L. Randall	Grade 4	1946

New 8th St. School

Margaret E. Shea	Principal, Grade 3	1910
Catherine H. Leary	Grade 3	1914
Marion L. Guilbeault	Grade 4	1947
Mollie Stratton	Kindergarten	1942

Central St. School

Mrs. Marjorie O'Connell	Principal, Grade 1	1935
Elizabeth Alexander	Grade 1	1944
Marjorie E. Studer	Grade 2	1933
Margaret R. Cruise	Grade 2	1946

South End School

Mrs. H. Josephine Foster	Principal, Grades 3-4	1902
Mary A. Miner	Grades 1-2	1923

Montague City School

Elizabeth E. Ramage	Principal, Grade 1	1917
Mrs. Edith L. Keough	Grades 4-5	1947
Lenita Clark	Grades 2-3	1944

Highland School, Millers Falls

Frederick B. Oakes	Principal, Grade 8	1943
Mrs. Jessie L. Wheeler	Grade 7	1915
Marion Louise Gee	Grade 6	1943
Agnes K. Griffin	Grade 5	1926
Beatrice Alber	Grade 4	1928
Ruth L. Szenher	Grade 3	1946
Mary C. O'Brien	Grade 2	1944
Christine Batten	Grade 1	1945
Phyllis Vigneault	Grade 1	1947
Marian E. Cowan	Special Class	1930

Supervisors

Lydia DesOrmeaux	Art	1923
Florence E. Argy	Vocal Music	1931
Benjamin Weiner	Instrumental Music	1946
Mrs. Helen C. Reidy	Physical Director	1941
Mrs. Beda Langevin	Lip Reading	1946

School Nurse

Euphrasia Purrington, R.N.	1945
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School Physicians

Dr. Kenneth W. B. Jacobus	Turners Falls
Dr. Warren D. Thomas	Millers Falls and Montague

Janitors

Louis Puhala	Turners Falls High School
George Villeneuve	Turners Falls High School
Edward P. Shanahan	The Grammar School
Harry Escott	New 8th St. and Central St. Schools
Edgar J. Mullins	Repairman, Janitor, South End School
Frank Gewehr	Montague City School
John D. Payne	Highland School, Millers Falls

Attendance Officer

James P. McHugh	Turners Falls
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CALENDAR FOR 1948

High School

Open January 5, 1948	
Close February 20, 1948	7 weeks
Vacation 1 week	
Open March 1, 1948	
Close April 16, 1948	7 weeks
Vacation 1 week	
Open April 26, 1948	
Close June 18, 1948	8 weeks
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	22 weeks
Open September 7, 1948	
Close December 22, 1948	16 weeks

Elementary Schools

Open January 5, 1948	
Close February 20, 1948	7 weeks
Vacation 1 week	
Open March 1, 1948	
Close April 16, 1948	7 weeks
Vacation 1 week	
Open April 26, 1948	
Close June 11, 1948	7 weeks
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	21 weeks
Open September 7, 1948	
Close December 22, 1948	16 weeks

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday, March 26, 1948-Good Friday
 Monday, May 31, 1948-Observe Memorial Day
 Tuesday, September 7, 1948-Organization Meeting of Teachers
 Wednesday, September 15 1948-Franklin County Fair
 Tuesday, October 12, 1948-Columbus Day
 Friday, October . . 1948-Franklin County Teachers' Meeting
 Thursday, November 11, 1948-Armistice Day
 Thursday, Friday, November 25-26-Thanksgiving Recess

NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

It will be the policy of the School Department to sound the NO-SCHOOL signal only in cases of extreme weather conditions. Many pupils are transported to school and conditions in the several precincts may vary so that it may be difficult to reach a decision that is equally fair to all pupils.

Therefore, when it has been decided to keep schools open on stormy days, parents are urged to exercise their personal judgement as to the wisdom of sending their children to school.

The NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL will be two blasts of the fire alarm signal repeated once (2-2)

at 7:15 a. m. indicates NO-SCHOOL for Turners Falls High School.

at 7:45 a. m. indicates NO MORNING SESSION in elementary schools.

at 12:30 p. m. indicates NO AFTERNOON SESSION in elementary schools.

The NO-SCHOOL announcement will be made from Radio Station WHAI.

At MILLERS FALLS the signal will be two blasts of the fire alarm signal repeated once (2-2). At MONTAGUE CENTER the pupils will have to depend chiefly on the radio announcement from Station WHAI and information from the drivers of the school busses who will use all means possible to circulate information.

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child five and one-half years of age on or before October 1 may be admitted to the first grade but in every case the admission of children under six years of age shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Every child between seven and sixteen years of age who does not meet the requirements for the completion of the sixth grade of the public schools shall attend day school in this town or some other day school approved by the school committee, during the entire time that the schools are in session unless the physical or mental condition of the child is such as to render attendance inexpedient or impracticable.

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

Employment permits may be issued to boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 to work only when the schools are not in session. Educational certificates for boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 21 may be issued at the office of the Superintendent of Schools in the Turners Falls High School. All persons must make personal application and present evidence of date and place of birth and grade of school last completed.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 16, 1948.

To the Citizens of Montague:

This is my report as chairman of your school committee for 1947.

In the death of Mrs. Argy the schools lost a staunch friend and the town a conscientious worker. Your committee misses her sound judgment and experience even more than her efficiency as clerk.

The resignation of Mr. Lorden after 25 years as teacher and coach seemed an irreparable loss. As teacher, coach and friend, his influence for good made itself felt by everyone. We are fortunate to have had him with us as long as we did.

Eight regular meetings were held during the past year. One was a joint meeting with the school committees of Gill and Erving, which proved the value of cooperation. We also joined the Franklin County School Committee Association, and later became affiliated with the state-wide association.

Replacement of the auditorium steps and development of parking space next to the high school were the major improvements to the plant for the year.

A further increase of \$300 to our teachers' salary schedule was made, which keeps us just above the average for towns of our size. No competent instructor of the Polish language was available, so we could not start courses in Polish, as ordered by the General Court.

It has been the policy of your committee to encourage the use of the school plant by the public. Night baseball was played on the high school field by the Turners Falls Athletic Association last summer. The gymnasium is in use almost continuously. The cafeteria and auditorium have been used by outside organizations more than ever before. This increased use of school facilities is partly responsible for the 25% increase in the consumption of fuel oils to date over last year.

RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 1947

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
General School Fund—Teachers' Salaries	\$11,245.00
Transportation	12,312.94
State Wards	2,921.33
Town of Erving—High School Tuition	6,133.60
Town of Gill—High School Tuition	5,933.88
Town of Wendell—Lip-reading Lessons	3.42
Tuition Paid by Individuals	649.50
Rentals—High School Property	740.00
Fire Insurance—Lightning Damage	177.33
Airplane Sold	110.00
Books and Supplies Sold	2.81
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Total Receipts	\$40,229.81
Unexpended appropriation returned to town	3,005.59
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Total Credits	\$43,235.40
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Net Cost of the Schools to Our Town	\$197,138.35

We should convert the High School heating system back to coal at once. Fuel oil, at present prices, costs over fifty dollars per day including Saturdays and Sundays.

We should build a school with six classrooms and a lunch-room at Montague Center at once. It should have hard fuel heating equipment. Later, as we can afford them, add the non-essentials.

The town should own its school busses. Transportation costs are nearly \$20,000.00 a year and , apparently must go higher. Considerable saving could be made on the gasoline tax alone. Three walls of an ideal garage are ready. Roof over the court between the wings of the Grammar School and hang doors at the open end.

I want to thank the other members of the committee for thier conscientious attendance at meetings and for time spent in performance of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. HARLOW, Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Turners Falls, Mass.
January 12, 1948

To the School Committee of the Town of Montague:

I submit herewith my eleventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Montague. This is the fiftieth in the series of annual reports presented by the School Department.

ENROLMENT

The enrolment of the Public Schools on October 1, 1947, was 1305 as compared with 1320 on the corresponding date in 1946. The following table shows the comparative enrolment by buildings:

Year	High School	Grammar	New 8th St.	Old 8th St.	Central St.	South End	Montague City	Millers Falls	Montague	Chestnut Hill	Kindergarten	Total
1926	304	248	134	134	138	117	99	248	222	9	..	1653
1927	326	238	114	144	153	112	104	244	219	11	..	1665
1928	369	245	125	158	148	107	104	241	209	11	..	1717
1929	426	245	132	166	150	95	104	213	209	10	..	1750
1930	419	239	*149	*167	*155	*126	114	199	235	9	..	1812
1931	440	249	139	154	143	109	115	189	227	12	..	1717
1932	501	256	135	161	140	104	108	175	238	..	..	*1818
1933	500	253	133	150	136	111	108	158	*240	..	..	1789
1934	550	229	139	135	131	108	*117	162	230	..	..	1801
1935	553	226	125	143	113	90	107	153	221	..	..	1731
1936	540	225	117	142	123	77	97	142	206	..	..	1669
1937	545	229	123	129	107	69	98	130	183	..	..	1613
1938	*593	191	134	114	94	83	93	124	180	..	..	1606
1939	569	175	120	105	106	72	86	109	175	..	..	1517
1940	568	172	110	92	105	76	96	111	176	..	..	1506
1941	524	*261	93	..	94	76	94	98	187	..	..	1427
1942	509	231	85	..	86	77	88	97	192	..	..	1365
1943	459	246	84	..	86	71	71	104	171	..	..	1292
1944	473	252	73	..	91	70	68	105	156	..	..	1288
1945	445	249	69	..	103	50	70	110	158	..	..	1254
1946	460	240	82	..	97	47	77	286	..	..	31	1320
1947	422	231	83	..	95	48	68	*322	..	..	*36	1305

* Indicates maximum enrolment.

Comparative Enrolment by Buildings 1936-1947

The following differentials exist between the maxima and the enrolments as of October 1, 1947:

School	Previous Maximum Enrolment	Enrolment Oct. 1, 1947	Difference
High School	593 (1938)	422	—171
Grammar School	261 (1941)	231	— 30
New 8th St.	144 (1930)	83	— 61
Kindergarten	30 (1946)	36	+ 6
Central St.	155 (1930)	95	— 60
South End	126 (1930)	48	— 78
Montague City	117 (1934)	68	— 49
Highland School	286 (1946)	322	+ 36
Montague Center	240 (1933)	No School	.....
All Schools	1818 (1932)	1305	—513

Grade Distribution

	Oct. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1946	Oct. 1, 1947
Kindergarten	0	31	36
Grade 1	102	129	139
2	120	96	119
3	91	121	102
4	80	87	108
5	90	76	90
6	106	92	78
7	101	105	92
8	100	98	98
9	117	126	118
10	125	107	107
11	99	120	95
12	100	97	99
Post Graduates	2	10	3
Special Class	21	25	21
Total	<u>1,254</u>	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,305</u>

ATTENDANCE

In June 1947 the School Department awarded 144 certificates of Perfect Attendance to pupils who had attended June, 1947. The following table shows the comparative number of certificates awarded since 1940:

Year	No. High School Certificates	Per- centage	No. Elementary Certificates	Per- centage	Total	Per- centage
1940	145	26.7%	150	15.8%	295	19.8%
1941	120	24	120	12.7	240	16.5
1942	126	22.8	99	10	225	16.5
1943	100	21.7	42	5	142	11
1944	58	12	43	5	101	7.7
1945	43	9.5	65	7.9	108	8.4
1946	41	9.2	39	4.8	80	6.8
1947	78	18	66	7.7	144	11.2

There was an increase of 64 Perfect Attendance Awards over a similar period of the previous year. The record of perfect attendance for the school year 1946-47 was better than it has been since 1942. It is probably safe to say that the return of our country to a peace-time basis and subsequent establishment of the home on a more normal and domestic foundation has a good influence on school attendance.

Award of Perfect Attendance Certificates by School—June 1947

School	Number of Awards	Percentage
South End	9	21%
High School	78	18
Grammar School	21	9
Montague City	6	8
New 8th St.	8	7.5
Highland School	20	7
Central St.	2	2
Total	144	11.2%

Turners Falls High School was in session 180 days, one day of no-school on account of stormy weather being made up on Saturday. Elementary schools were in session 173 days.

Cases of truancy have been reduced. There were only nine cases of actual truancy reported by the Attendance Officer, James McHugh, whose detailed report is as follows:

Excused on account of illness	13
Absent with parents' consent	4
Reasonable excuses	4
Truancy	9

Number of cases investigated 30

TUITION PUPILS

Enrolled at the Turners Falls High School on October 1, 1947, were legal residents of the following towns:

Gill	37
Erving	24
Greenfield	5
New York N. Y.	1
State Wards	5
Total	72

The high school tuition rate as approved by the School Committee and the Massachusetts Department of Education for the school year 1947-1948 is \$196 per year per pupil. This rate compares with the rate of the two previous years as follows:

1945	\$63,760	Cost	
	<u>461</u>	Average Membership	= \$138.31
1946	\$69,220	Cost	
	<u>429</u>	Average Membership	= \$161.35
1947	\$85,459.82	Cost	
	<u>436</u>	Average Membership	= \$196.00

The elementary school rate was established at \$132 per year. The comparison of the rates for three years is as follows:

1945	\$96,718.52	Cost	
	<u>802</u>	Average Membership	= \$119.70
1946	\$95,167.31	Cost	
	<u>810</u>	Average Membership	= \$117.49
1947	\$111,870.34	Cost	
	<u>849</u>	Average Membership	= \$131.76

There were eleven tuition pupils enrolled in the elementary schools on October 1, 1947:

- 15 at Greenfield Vocational School
- 2 at New Salem Academy
- 1 at Smith's Agricultural School
- 2 at Springfield Trade School
- 1 at Waltham Trade School

The town was reimbursed \$526.52 for tuition of pupils enrolled in the several vocational schools.

The town also paid tuition at the rate of twenty cents per hour for Apprentice Training at the Greenfield Vocational Evening School where the Montague enrolment was as follows:

17	Carpenter Training
3	Plumber Training
2	Automobile Apprenticeship
3	Machinist Training
2	Painter Training

TRANSPORTATION

During the year 1947 the School Department spent approximately \$19,000 for transportation. The following table gives a summary of the transportation statistics:

School	Enrolment	Transported	Percentage
High School	422	131	31%
	(does not include Erving, Gill, Greenfield)		
Grammar School	231	76	33%
New 8th St. School	119	10	8.4%
Central St. School	95	23	24%
South End School	48	0	0
Montague City	68	0	0
Millers Falls	322	213	66%
St. Ann's	106	43	40.5%
	1411	496	35%

On July 1, 1947, the General Court passed a new law relative to reimbursement to cities and towns for certain expenses incurred by those towns for the transportation of pupils. Briefly the act provides as follows:

1. The State Treasurer shall annually, on or before November 20, pay to the towns and cities from the proceeds of income taxes the sums required as reimbursement for expenses as approved by the Commissioner of Education, and incurred by any town for the transportation of pupils in accordance with the following:
 - a. Transportation to be afforded only once daily to and from school.
 - b. No reimbursement to be made on account of pupils who reside less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the school which they attend.
 - c. The amount of grant per pupil for transportation to private schools shall not exceed the amount of grant per public school pupil.

The reimbursement is based upon the amount spent for transportation in excess of \$5 per annum per pupil (net average membership). The Town of Montague had a net average membership in 1947 of 1329 pupils times \$5=\$6,645.

The School Department spent \$18,957.94 for transportation to June 30, 1947-6,645.00

Which is\$12,312.94 in excess of \$5 per pupil.

The Superintendent of Schools has been notified that the town of Montague has been certified for that amount on November 20, 1947.

TESTING PROGRAM

One hundred Juniors were tested by representatives of the Department of School and College Relations of Boston University on March 6, 1947. Tests were administered to 126 eighth grade pupils including those from Riverside, Erving and St. Ann's Schools who were to register as freshmen at the high school. The results of the Cooperative Testing and Guidance Service for the eighth grade were as follows, compared with New England norms:

	New England Norm	Montague Norm
Mental Maturity I. Q.	98	103.5
Reading Ability	37	38
English:		
Grammar	33	35.5
Punctuation	33	36
Capitalization	18	19
Sentence Structure	8	8.5
Spelling	9	10
Mathematics:		
Addition	10	12
Subtraction	11	12
Multiplication	11	13
Division	11	12
Problem Solving	5.9	6.4

EDUCATIONAL THRIFT PROGRAM

In April 1947 the School Committee authorized the Superintendent of Schools to proceed to institute a program of educational thrift. The first Bank Day of the school savings was October 28, 1947 and since that time 988 accounts have been opened at the Crocker Institute for Savings and the total deposits to date are \$4,209.34. There have been very few withdrawals.

There have been a great many fads in education and we can remember some that have come and gone. Those innovations that have no intrinsic value do not enjoy permanency. A school savings program contributes to the pupils' basic preparation for life and it is no fad or frill. A good savings program fills a need for all school children. It is our observation that young people are eager and willing to save and that under good leadership there is a healthy and active interest. The number of pupils who save systematically and not the amount saved is the important factor. It is of much more educational advantage to the child to make the decision to save part of his allowance rather than to ask for money from his parents for the purpose of making a deposit.

CHANGES OF PERSONNEL

Separation	Reason	Successor
Earl E. Lorden	University of Mass.	Garvin R. Graeber
Esther Dillon	Agawam Schools	None
George Richason, Jr.	University of Mass.	None
Waldo J. Perkins	Florida	Ernest Pike
Marion Bean	Illness	Marion Guilbeault
Marion Guilbeault	Marriage	Alice Lappin
Sophie Matus	Florida	Mrs. Edith Keough
Patricia Beaubien	Death	Ruth Szenher
Eva Kaye	Springfield Schools	Phyllis Vigneault
Richard K. Stuart	Department of State	Frederick Oakes

Last year nine teachers were separated from our service and among this number were several experienced members of our staff including Earl F. Lorden who had devoted twenty-five years to the cause of education and athletics at the Turners Falls High School. Mr. Lorden resigned to accept a promotion as Assistant Coach at the University of Massachusetts. Mr. George Richason left to accept a position as instructor of science at the University of Massachusetts. Mr. Waldo J. Perkins who has done an excellent job as instructor of manual training since 1934, resigned his position to go to Florida.

In July of 1947 the School Department was saddened to learn of the untimely death of Patricia Beaubien who had taught only one complete year at the Highland School but during that brief period of service she had earned the respect and admiration of pupils, parents and fellow teachers.

Richard Stuart notified the School Department in December that he was terminating his military leave of absence by resigning his position as a teacher in the Montague Public Schools in order to accept a responsible position with the Department of State at Washington, D. C.

TEACHER SHORTAGE

Although the teacher turn-over in Montague has been rather heavy during recent years, and in spite of the fact that we have lost the services of some valuable teachers, we have been fortunate to secure good replacements.

The supply of good teachers is limited, particularly in the elementary field. It is in the lower grades that we need good teachers where a type of person is required who has unusual insight and ability to cope with the immaturity of our elementary pupils. It is disturbing to note the scarcity of good elementary teachers because it is in this phase of our educational system that our pupils receive their basic training for secondary subjects. A large turn-over in a teaching staff tends to delay educational progress since it takes a period of orientation before new teachers become fully effective in our educational system.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

The following teachers pursued Summer Courses during 1947:

Beatrice Alber
Blondena J. Argy
Christine Batten
Margaret R. Cruise
Lydia Des Ormeaux
Bernard J. Foley
Lucille Grogan
Agnes Hanifin

Irene Hanifin
Catherine H. Leary
Eileen R. Maguire
Frederick Oakes
Ernest Pike
Rose E. Shanahan
Mollie E. Stratton
Benjamin Weiner

The following members of the teaching staff enrolled in courses offered during the school year by some of the colleges and through the Department of University Extension:

Beatrice Alber
Blondena J. Argy
Christine Batten
Bernard Foley
Agnes Hanifin
Irene Hanifin
Agnes Griffin
Lucille Grogan

Mrs. Edith M. Keough
Mery O'Brien
Frederick B. Oakes
Ernest Pike
Grace L. Randall
Rose E. Shanahan
Marjorie Studer
Benjamin Weiner

MAJOR ITEMS OF REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

1. Auditorium steps replaced with granite.
2. Gymnasium floor sanded and re-finished.
3. Auditorium draperies re-conditioned and dyed.
4. Statuary and frieze at High School were cleaned.
5. New conduits installed at Highland School, Millers Falls.
6. Interior of Highland School re-conditioned.
7. Installation of electric clocks at New 8th St. School.
8. Repairs to oil burner at High School.
9. Tuyeres installed in Grammar School boiler.
10. Repairs to boiler at Highland School.
11. Uni-vents in all buildings re-conditioned.
12. Seats and desks sanded and re-finished at Montague City School.
13. Bookkeeping desk tops sanded and re-finished at High School.
14. Desk tops at Highland School sanded and re-finished.
15. Razing and removal of coal storage bin at High School.

The annual report of the Maintenance Department list the following minor repairs:

	Hours
High School	85
Grammar School	5
New 8th St. School	16½
Old 8th St. School	4
Central St. School	22
South End School	4
Montague City School	24½
Highland School	66½
Measurements and Survey Plans	25
Refinishing furniture	24½
Construction of furniture	52
Removal of coal storage bin	31
Redecoration Gymnasium floor	60
Setting up and dismantling bleachers..	86
Construction of Press and Radio Booth	65
Construction of Ticket Booth	3
Refinishing Desk Tops	184
Clearing Brush	73
Labor on Parking Lot	56
Repairs to School Car	2
Substitute Janitor	3
Trucking	1

893 hours

(Equivalent of 22.3 weeks of 40 hours each)

Mr. Mullins performed the above work in addition to his regular duties as custodian of the South End School.

RECOMMENDATION FOR 1948

1. Improvement of lighting facilities in classrooms.
2. Resumption of painting program.
3. Improvement of playground facilities at Highland School.
4. Further development of parking area adjacent to High School athletic field.
5. Caulking of coping at High School, Grammar School and Highland School.
6. Replacement of stairs treads at High School.
7. Replacement of window shades in new addition to High School.
8. Repairs to roofing at Turners Falls High School.
9. Painting of fence at Central St. School.

SCHOOL CAR

The school car which was authorized by the annual Town Meeting of March 1946 was delivered to the School Department on January 6, 1947. The actual cost of the car was \$1,263. The School Department expended the following amounts for maintenance and operation during the year:

Registration and Insurance	\$98.67
Garage Rent	60.00
Gas, Oil and Repairs	102.35
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	\$261.02

Formerly the School Department paid \$600 per year for the rental of a car. Mileage on the car during 1947 was 5200 miles. It was used for the transportation of the school nurse and supervisors on their official visits to the several schools.

PARKING AREA

In September 1947 we started to develop an area to be used as a parking space for automobiles during athletic contests at the High School athletic field. The land was cleared of trees without cost to the town because the wood was given to the person who cleared the area. A bull-dozer was hired to level the land and as a result we now have a space to accommodate about 500 cars. This development cost \$361. The work is incomplete because as it now stands the area is without any surface. It should be re-surfaced or seeded in order to control the dust. Further development of the parking space is recommended.

THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL SITUATION

Highland School Enrolment by Communities

Grade	Montague	Millers Falls	Lake Pleasant	TOTAL
8	18	11	5	34
7	19	12	4	35
6	14	8	8	30
5	16	10	7	33
4	17	9	6	32
3	15	13	5	33
2	14	21	12	47
1 B	12	11	8	31
1 V	12	12	4	28
Special	5	8	1	14
	<hr/> 142	<hr/> 115	<hr/> 60	<hr/> 317

The elementary pupils of Montague Center have been transported to the Highland School, Millers Falls, since January 1946. The consolidation of the Montague Center and Millers Falls pupils has presented some problems and inconveniences. It has also produced some economical advantages such as a decrease in the cost per pupil. This saving has been effected in spite of the general increase in the total school budget and additional expenses incurred by transporting all of the Montague Center pupils to Millers Falls.

The following is the per pupil cost of Montague Center elementary school pupils before and since the consolidation:

1944	.....	\$151.73
1945	.....	153.99
1946	.....	138.29
1947	.....

The present facilities at Millers Falls are being utilized to capacity. Conditions are congested because of the large primary grades. Miss O'Brien is now teaching forty-seven pupils in Grade 2. This is too heavy a load for the teacher and does not permit individual instruction at a level where it is needed most.

The present cost of labor and the uncertainties of the availability of materials has necessarily delayed the construction of the new building at Montague Center. The School Department will have to take some steps to relieve the situation in 1948 and 1949. Among the alternatives we might present the following:

1. Have pupils of 7th and 8th grades of Millers and Montague attend the Turners Falls Grammar School.
2. Have certain Montague Center pupils attend the Montague City School, preferably those pupils who reside in the area adjacent to the Greenfield Road and the Fish Hatchery.

It would appear that in September 1948 there will be two divisions each of Grades 1, 2 and 3 and some provision must be made to accommodate all of the pupils and probably to relieve the crowded situation as mentioned above.

USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Turners Falls High School property has been used extensively during the past year by local social and civic organizations. The Turners Falls Athletic Club's Basketball Team has used the gymnasium during the early fall months for practice and is now playing its regularly scheduled home games on the High School court.

The Playground Recreation Commissioners are using the gymnasium two evenings each week. The Montague Rod and Reel Company Basketball Team is using the gymnasium on Saturday afternoons for practice sessions. On alternate Sunday afternoons the T. F. A. C. has regular basketball games.

The Turners Falls Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club and the Girl Scouts have activities in the High School building. All of these activities have been well supervised by responsible people and it is a pleasure to report that there has been no abuse of school property.

Continual use of school property by outside organizations has a tendency to increase the cost of operation, particularly in the items of heat and light. All rental fees are payable to the Town Treasurer and may not be used by the School Department to help defray departmental expenses.

The number of occasions on which organizations used parts of the High School property are indicated below:

Organization	Gym.	Audit.	Cafeteria	Rooms
Turners Falls Athletic Club	30		17	
Playground Commissioners	14			
Boy Scouts				11
Girl Scouts	1			78
Montague Rod and Reel Team	4			
American Legion or Auxiliary	2		2	
Hanover Club	2		2	
Tri-State and Young Farmer's Club	1		1	
Turners Falls Military Band		2		
Millers Falls Drum Corps		2		
Turners Falls Woman's Club		1	3	
Junior Woman's Club			1	
Franklin County Extension Service				26
Civil Service Examinations				2
Total: 180 Occasions				

The Turners Falls Athletic Field was used by several organizations during the summer of 1947. The Turners Falls Athletic Club sponsored several baseball games under arc lights. The Junior American Legion Team played all home games on the High School diamond. Several other amateur and semi-professional teams used the diamond for baseball contests, including Montague Rod and Reel Team and the Turners Falls A. C. Junior Team. The field was also used quite extensively for practice sessions in addition to the regularly scheduled contests. During some of these contests the facilities of the High School Gymnasium were used, including the dressing rooms and shower baths.

EXPENDITURES BY SCHOOLS—JANUARY 1, 1947 TO DECEMBER 31, 1947

	High	Grammar	New 8th	Central	S. End	M. City	Millers	General	Total
Teachers' Salaries	\$58,371.40	\$23,616.01	\$9,966.99	\$10,160.74	\$5,065.12	\$7,304.68	\$26,557.65	.....	\$141,042.59
Text Books	1,322.54	564.70	141.59	95.48	35.34	95.96	701.31	\$203.80	3,160.72
Supp. and Miss. Exp. of Instruction	2,745.43	1,409.59	366.66	378.33	156.93	299.52	1,562.01	249.71	7,168.18
H. S. Prin., Secretary's Salary	1,500.00							.....	1,500.00
Janitors' Salaries	4,613.13	2,713.62	1,090.00	1,090.00	1,100.00	872.50	2,893.20	.....	14,372.45
Janitors' Supplies, etc.	875.94	162.88	188.12	93.74	25.36	64.19	391.62	.....	1,801.85
Fuel	5,179.47	1,363.02	723.02	782.51	732.05	683.36	1,017.25	.....	10,480.68
Water	149.22	40.74	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	220.79	.....	518.75
Electricity	1,338.00	309.54	66.11	62.47	31.56	88.82	106.04	.....	2,002.54
Gas	257.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	257.15
Telephones	109.81	.....	.....	.....	26.35	59.50	58.16	.....	395.91
Repairs, Replacements	6,276.73	483.47	149.30	130.90	221.04	139.29	904.86	25.23	8,330.82
New Equip., Furn., Fix., Apparatus	1,212.55	90.25	75.21	.....	.....	.....	5.50	.....	1,383.51
Transportation	7,432.50	1,640.91	390.73	578.36	.....	.....	8,741.50	.....	19,129.00
Medical Inspection .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,035.00
Nurse Service .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,333.36
School Car .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	261.02
School Library	236.63	75.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	311.74
Noon Lunches	360.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360.11
Insurance .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,260.34
Evening School Teachers' Salary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	162.00
Evening School Janitors' Salary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33.75
Other Sundry Expenses .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79.65
School Committee Expenses	214.62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54.00
Superintendent's Salary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,300.00
Superintendent's Office Supplies .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129.28
Superintendent's Traveling Exp. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	445.69
Superintendent's Secretary's Salary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,520.00
Enforcement of Law .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138.00
Census Takers' Salaries .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	281.75
Supervisors' Salaries .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,838.00
Supervisors' Expenses .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65.70
TOTAL COST PER SCHOOL	\$92,195.23	\$32,469.84	\$13,184.73	\$13,399.53	\$7,420.75	\$9,634.82	\$43,159.89	\$25,903.37	\$237,368.16
AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP	423	234	113	97	44	72	302	1,285	1,285
COST PER PUPIL	217.95	\$138.76	116.68	\$138.14	\$168.65	\$133.81	\$142.91	\$20.16	\$184.72

INCREASE IN COST OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In addition to the problem of purchasing good school supplies there is also the matter of high prices for some of the common school materials. We are listing below the comparison of prices of some of these materials from 1943 to 1947:

	January 1943	October 1947	Percent Increase
Paper:			
Arithmetic news, 6x9	\$.20	\$.45	125%
Composition 8x10½, white	.40	.65	62.5%
Composition 8x10½, manila	.25	.50	100%
Mimeograph, 8½x11	.48	.90	87.5%
Drawing, Manila 9x12	.56	1.05	87.5%
Construction, 9x12	.42	.52	23.8%
Poster, 9x12	.20	.32	60%
Colored Crayons—box refills	.90	.99	10%
Colored Crayons—Kindergarten	3.00	4.17	39%
Rulers, Maple	.22	.40	81.8%
Thumb Tacks, solid head	.12	.15	57.5%
Penholders—gross	1.98	3.12	41.3%
Blotters, 3x8 (100)	.15	.27	25%
Erasers, Blackboard, 5" felt	2.27	3.85	80%
Pencils, regular	2.49	3.00	20.4%
Average increase on miscellaneous supplies: 45%			

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Charitable Projects

During the past year our pupils participated in several worthwhile community drives and they made some worthwhile contributions. Our pupils will be expected to help support these agencies in later life and it is probably well for them to become acquainted with the work of the organizations while they are receiving their basic citizenship training. Among the organizations assisted by the pupils were: Junior Red Cross, Farren Memorial Hospital, Relief Clothing Drive, Salvation Army, National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department was supervised by Miss Lydia DesOrmeaux and the program was carried out in accordance with the New Curriculum Guide and the outline of the Mass. Department of Education which was used as a basis for most of the work. The Art Department assisted in the following projects: (1) Making drawings for cuts for school paper; (2) drawing posters for annual school play; (3) designing Junior Prom decorations; (4) decorations for annual Christmas Recital; (5) Junior Red Cross under supervision

of Art Department completed 60 calendars and 4,000 menu covers for Veterans' Hospitals; (6) participation of the high school students in the annual Poster Contest connected with Small High School Basketball Tournament at Amherst—Anthony Wasileski was the winner of this contest for the second consecutive year; (7. participation in the Eastern Seal Design Contest as sponsored by the Bay State Society for Crippled Children—Isabel Barnes received Honorable Mention. National Art Week was observed and tableaux of famous paintings were dramatized. Slides of famous paintings were exhibited.

MUSIC— VOCAL

In addition to the regular program of supervised vocal music in the Public Schools, Miss Florence Argy conducted many school activities during the past year. In April the seventh and eighth grade pupils of the Grammar School staged the operetta, "The White Gypsy," the proceeds of which were used to purchase a small record-player for music appreciation classes. Special music was prepared and supervised for monthly programs of the elementary schools.

The Turners Falls High School Glee Clubs were especially active during the year. They participated in the Western Massachusetts Music Festival at West Springfield. The Girls' Glee Club was awarded Rating I and the Boys' Glee Club received Rating II. In May the Glee Clubs participated in the annual Variety Show. Among the other activities in which the Glee Clubs took part were the following: Boys' Glee Club at Football Banquet and Christmas Assembly; Girls' Glee Club participated in the second annual Christmas Recital on December 18. They were attired in blue choir robes and made an attractive appearance.

An extra period of Music Appreciation has been added to the high school curricula. Thirty-eight pupils have requested this course and instruction has been held on an advanced basis.

MUSIC—INSTRUMENTAL

The Elementary School Band numbers forty-four members distributed as follows:

Highland School	22
Montague City	3
South End	1
Grammar School	18

Individual and group instruction is given weekly.

The High School Band has fifty-three members receiving individual instruction weekly. Special rehearsals and group instruction are also given. Private instruction was given to fourteen students. Ten members became active in the Turners Falls Military Band and contributed much to that organization. The band has taken part in the following activities: all home basketball games; two appearances at University of Massachusetts; Armistice Day observance; Memorial Day observance; Gill Dedicatory Ceremony; Military Funeral; Franklin County Fair; Franklin County Teachers' Association Meeting; Christmas Community Sing., combined concerts with Turners Falls Military Band.

The band participated in the Western Massachusetts Music Festival at West Springfield and received a rating of "Excellent." Rehearsals were conducted once a week during the summer recess. The attendance at these rehearsals was never less than 90%.

The orchestra numbers eighteen members and plays for assembly periods, Senior Play, Class Day, Commencement Exercises and holiday programs. The shortage of stringed instruments is being offset by classes that are being conducted in violin instruction. There is a renewed interest in stringed instruments which promises that a creditable orchestra will emerge.

Following the resignation of Mr. Perkins, the High School Swingsters were assigned to the supervisor of Benjamin Weiner. Rehearsals were held once a week and the orchestra has played for two school dances.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

The Industrial Arts program has been pursued with the following objectives:

1. To develop ability of the pupil to use hand tools and implements.
2. To teach the boys something about the element of repair work and general maintenance.
3. To develop the ability of boys to work along with others.
4. The Freshmen accomplished the usual basic fundamentals in hand-tool operation and after this exploratory experience the boys have been allowed to choose from a wide range of projects.

Sophomores have been taught the use of power tools and the necessary safety precautions. Their projects included both hand-tool and power-tool experiences. The students in this course have devoted much time to other school activities. They have assisted in marking the football field, erecting goal posts, making bell-lyra stand for the orchestra and candelabra for the Music Department, ticket boxes and table decorations; and have made numerous repairs to school equipment.

The course in Mechanical Drawing is being followed in accordance with the syllabus instituted by Mr. Perkins. Mr. Ernest Pike has headed this department since September 1947.

LIP READING—SPEECH CORRECTION

In September, Mrs. Langevin conducted group audiometer tests, 566 pupils being tested in the initial program. Retests, were given to 119 pupils and individual tests were given to 59 pupils. Letters were mailed to parents of pupils who showed a hearing loss, recommending that the pupil have a medical check-up previous to any action by the school authorities. At present there are eighteen pupils receiving lip reading instruction.

Thirty-five pupils with speech defects of varying degrees are enrolled in speech correction classes. The results of this special instruction would seem to indicate that the pupils benefit in many ways from this training. Their scholastic average is improved and there has been an improvement in their attitude toward their school and toward their fellow pupils.

SPECIAL CLASS

Under the instruction of Miss Marian Cowan, the Special Class at the Highland School has a membership of seven girls and fifteen boys. Six pupils were returned to regular class upon the completion of their course in June.

The program of the Special Class included the following: remedial work in reading by individuals and by groups; phonetic drill to develop ability of pupils to recognize new words independently; comprehensive exercises to develop ability of child to think in accordance with suggested workbook material; presentation of language work with the idea of developing and enriching the pupil's vocabulary; encouraging opportunities for pupil to appear before the class to develop his ability to speak before a group; recitation of poems and stories and original verse as a means of developing poise and good habits in speech and manners. Emphasis has been placed on written language with particular stress on good penmanship and spelling. Neat work has been demanded in all notebooks

and daily papers. The fundamentals in grammar such as punctuation, periods, question marks, correct usage of capital letters, has also been emphasized.

Arithmetic has been taught in accordance with the ability, progress and needs of the individual. It varies from the counting of objects to the subject of simple decimals, stressing the fundamentals of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Activities have been carried on in connection with the study of special projects such as Indians, Eskimos, Pilgrims, the Dutch, and holidays occurring during the school year.

Handicraft projects have included weaving of holders, hot dish mats, and baskets with string, yarn and crepe paper used as materials; leather articles including bill folds, purses, key rings and belts. Vases, bowls, trays and jars were made from paper mache.

HOME ECONOMICS

The program in Home Economics has been capably supervised by Miss Alice Reum who reports that it has been easier to obtain materials and supplies than during the past several years. It is still difficult to secure certain materials and, for that reason, some of the projects have been restricted.

In Clothing the students were taught the parts, care and operation of the sewing machine. The use of commercial patterns was studied and the knowledge was applied to the making of aprons, housecoats, nightgowns, pajamas, blouses, skirts, dresses and play garments. The selection of proper clothing was also stressed and art principles were applied to secure harmony of color and design.

The course in Foods gave emphasis to good nutrition in order to maintain a healthy body and seven basic food groups were studied. Pupils learned how to take care of the laboratory and utensils before actual instruction in cooking. Various menus were prepared but due to the high cost of meat it was deemed advisable to confine instruction to the theory of meat cookery.

The Home Economics classes prepared and served the annual Football Banquet when 178 persons were served on Dec. 10; and the annual Basketball Banquet on April 9 when 91 persons were served. During the home football games the past season this department managed the refreshment stand.

HANDWRITING SYSTEM

Mr. W. L. Rinehart, Director of the Rinehart Functional Handwriting System has reported as follows:

"In the initial handwriting tests administered in September 1942, 25.5% of your elementary school pupils received a grade of "A" (excellent); 26.5% received a grade of "B" (Good); and 48% were graded less than "B". In the 1942 test administered to your High School students only 13% of the pupils had satisfactory handwriting. Tests administered in June 1947 showed 91% of your elementary pupils had a rating of "A" (Excellent); 4.7% were graded "B" (Good); and 4.3% received a grade of less than "B". The High School had 70% of the students rated as satisfactory in the handwriting tests of June 1947.

"During the last school year we graded approximately 8,000 formal and 25,000 informal samples of handwriting for the elementary school children and 4,000 formal and 4,000 informal handwriting samples for the High School pupils. Handwriting Certificates were awarded to 86% of the elementary school graduates and to 63% of the High School graduates.

"We furnished the following instructional materials: monthly teachers' outlines, room motivation certificates, handedness tests, individual hand writing certificates for elementary school pupils who qualified, handwriting certificates for High School pupils who qualified, monthly and term envelopes, seals, etc."

AMERICANIZATION CLASS

Due to the lack of interest in the Americanization classes, it was deemed advisable to discontinue the instruction in Millers Falls during 1947. A class was organized in Turners Falls last October and it has been holding sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings under the supervision of Mrs. Grace Vinten. The enrolment is very small and the School Department has considered the possibility of eliminating the course because of the few people enrolled. However, the present class seems to be worthwhile because it is meeting the needs of seven people who came to this country within the past year. Four came from Poland and three war brides from England, France and Belgium who married local men. The four from Poland spoke and understood practically no English so their primary interest was to learn our language. The three young brides who spoke and read English were in-

terested in correct pronunciation, correct usage of our language and American history in preparation for citizenship. Since the beginning of the course two of the members have applied for and received their first papers, Declarations of Intentions. The total registration is eleven and this small number makes it possible to give the much needed individual attention.

HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

The Cafeteria at the High School has been operated under the efficient supervision of Mrs. Mary Whiteman. She has continued to provide wholesome food to the students and faculty at reasonable prices. It has been difficult to procure food items for a variety of menus but, through careful planning and fortunate purchases, Mrs. Whiteman has been able to offer satisfactory lunches to those who find it necessary to take their noon-day meal at school.

The lunchroom manager has found it necessary to adjust her prices to meet the increased cost of materials. Mrs. Whiteman has never changed or increased prices until she brought the matter to the consideration of the School Department.

SUMMARY

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that the administration can point to adequate educational opportunities and facilities. The citizens of the town have always been willing to afford the best for their children. Citizens take an active interest in the accomplishments of the pupils and point with pride that the educational system is regarded as one of the attractive features of the town. The tabulation of the opportunities offered by our schools would seem to indicate that the term "Education" is so broad today that it cannot be restricted to that time-honored phrase "book learning." The child is supervised and observed in many respects and by many departments. It has been said that too much is being done for our youth today. They are transported to school, offered free musical education, told how to exercise, and to bathe. They receive the attention of the school nurse and the school physician at the slightest provocation. Some day the teacher will tell them when to breathe. As a matter of fact teachers have been doing that for a long while; it is being taught during music and calisthenics lessons.

The school renders all these services because they are educational. In spite of all we do there will always be some so-called "failures." It has been traditional to look upon a

schoolhouse and to think that by some magic intelligence comes out of it. Intelligence has its inception in the brain of the individual. Schools do not make intelligence; they educate it. It is the raw material upon which the teacher works. It comes to light at birth and is then directed. It can never be acquired. It cannot be purchased. It must be recognized and should be utilized.

Not all education is found under the schoolhouse roof. Many business men can be thankful that they were born intelligent and needed very little formal education to become what they are. On the other hand, some take little intelligence to the schools; hence years of training do not advance them as much as a few years of schooling advance those with a higher degree of intelligence.

Our public schools are the best examples of democracy. All meet there on equal terms, for ability alone counts. Our curricula are sufficiently broad to cater to the gifts and capabilities of the children. It is not the amount of money a pupil inherits that establishes him on the Honor Roll in the public school but it is his own individual work in school, desirable traits of character and personality, that make him worthy of recognition. His parents do not have to be natives of this country in order for him to attain high honors in school.

This town is to be commended for its continued financial support of its school system. It is too bad that real estate and property has to bear the brunt of the financial support. Localities pay too much of the school cost and the state pays too little. Property such as homes, stores, and other real estate is taxed more than the proportionate share because the state has not seen fit to pass legislation to tax its invisible wealth for school purposes. Those of us who are concerned with education realize that we have a long distance to go to meet our goals. Over the past several years we have necessarily been engaged with essentially quantitative problems—securing enough teachers, providing adequate plant facilities, securing enough supplies, equipment and textbooks. Material shortages, construction restrictions and high prices have retarded school repairs and school construction.

These problems are not solved but as we cope with them we must be concerned with some qualitative issues. We must make the teaching profession attractive to superior young people. We must improve our school buildings to the point that they do not simply house students but contribute to their learning process and, whenever possible, permit these buildings to serve as centers of regulated community activity. We

must continually overhaul and enrich our courses of study to adapt them to modern life and to meet the needs of our pupils. There is a particular need today for better instruction in the field of science, human relations and democratic values. These are formidable tasks and will never be finally discharged. The size of the job ahead does not seem to be too great if we keep in mind what the schools and personnel accomplished during the war years. If public interest remains keen and we continue to deserve the intensified support of our people, we can face the future with confidence.

The Superintendent of Schools is aware of the spirit of loyalty and cooperation of the members of the staff and expresses his appreciation to the members of the School Committee, supervisory, teaching and clerical forces and to all school employees for their faithful services during the past year. In the belief that all have participated in the maintenance of our efficiency and in the improvement of our schools we are happy to close with the thought that we have played a minor role in this report of progress.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. BURKE,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Arthur E. Burke,
Superintendent of Schools,
Turners Falls, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Burke:

I am submitting my annual report as Principal of the Turners Falls High School.

In 1937 when I submitted my first report, the enrolment in the high school was 536 students. This year the number dropped to 420 students in September of 1947.

This trend does not necessarily mean that fewer people in the community are taking advantage of a high school education, but rather is due to a drop in the birth rate locally. Latest figures indicate that seven million students or 73% of the eligible young people in the country are attending high school. I am sure that the percentage of eligible students who continue their education in the Town of Montague, is much higher than this national average.

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Freshmen	49	67	116
Sophomores	49	58	107
Juniors	44	52	96
Seniors	49	49	98
Post-Graduates	2	1	3
	<hr/> 193	<hr/> 227	<hr/> 420

Geographical Distribution of Students as of December 31, 1947

	P.G.	Sen.	Jr.	Soph.	Fresh.	Total
Turners Falls	2	67	47	50	63	229
Millers Falls		5	7	16	11	39
Montague Center ...	1	7	13	14	12	47
Riverside & Gill	1	6	9	10	12	38
Montague City		5	6	8	6	25
Erving		7	6	4	5	22
Greenfield		3	1	1	1	6
Lake Pleasant			2	4	3	9
New York City			1			1
	<hr/> 4	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 92	<hr/> 107	<hr/> 113	<hr/> 416

Enrolment by Subjects

The following table shows the subjects offered in our school and the distribution of students by subjects, and the total number of students registered in each department.

<i>English Department</i>				<i>Commercial Department</i>			
	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>				
English I	48	66	114	Comm. Geog.			
English II	47	60	107	and Law	19	34	53
English III	45	51	96	Bookkeeping I ...	8	51	59
English IV	52	50	102	Bookkeeping II ...	1	32	33
				Adv. Bkpg.			
				& Sales .....	..	21	21
	192	227	419	Business Training	24	..	24
				Stenography I ...	..	31	31
				Stenography II ..	..	23	23
				Typewriting I	9	42	51
				Typewriting II ...	..	26	26
					61	260	321
<i>Foreign Language Department</i>				<i>Music Department</i>			
French I	13	22	35	Music App.	50	67	117
French II	11	14	25	Adv. Music App..	8	29	37
French III	5	6	11	Band	22	30	52
				Orchestra	5	12	17
	29	42	71	Glee Club, Boys' .	36	..	36
Latin I	28	22	50	Glee Club, Girls' .	..	70	70
Latin II	7	17	24	Majorettes .....	..	16	16
Latin III	6	5	11	Swingsters	6	9	15
Latin IV .....	..	4	4		127	233	360
	41	48	89				
Spanish I	19	22	41				
Spanish II	10	16	26				
	29	38	67				
<i>Mathematics Department</i>				<i>Shopwork Department</i>			
Elem. Algebra ...	36	27	63	Manual Arts	30	..	30
Intermed. Algebra	34	26	60	Mech. Drawing ..	50	..	50
Plane Geometry ..	28	17	45		80	..	80
Rev. Math. (Solid)							
Geom. & Trig.)	24	8	32				
Comm. Arithmetic	10	37	47				
Applied Math. ...	10	8	18				
	142	123	265				
<i>Social Science Department</i>				<i>Home Economics Department</i>			
U. S. Hist. & Civs.	51	50	101	Freshman Sewing)			
Med. & Mod. Hist.	27	11	38	Freshman Cooking)	..	48	48
History to 1700 ..	24	20	44				
Social Science	12	9	21				
	114	90	204				
<i>Science Department</i>				<i>Drawing Department</i>			
General Science ..	19	37	56	Freehand Drawing	38	69	107
Biology	54	43	97	Art Appreciation	6	21	27
College Chemistry	30	14	44		44	90	134
Practical Chem. .	12	7	19				
College Physics ..	27	9	36				
Practical Physics .	15	2	17				
	157	112	269				
<i>Physical Education Department</i>				<i>Physical Education Department</i>			
				Girls' Phys. Ed. ..	..	198	198
				Boys' Phys. Ed. ..	171	..	171
					171	198	369

At the present time, our graduates are enrolled in the following institutions of learning.

Colleges and Universities

American International College	Middlebury College
Arnold College	New England Conservatory of Music
Bay Path	New York University
Boston University	Nichols Junior College
Bowdoin College	Northampton Commercial College
Bradford Junior College	Northeastern University
Bridgewater State Teachers' College	Norwich University
Brown University	Notre Dame University
Bryant College	Regis College
Central Michigan College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Clark University	Salem State Teachers' College
Colgate University	Simmons College
Cornell University	Springfield College
Dartmouth College	St. Lawrence College
Fitchburg State Teachers' College	St. Michael's College
Fordham University	Syracuse University
Green Mountain Junior College	Trinity College
Hamilton College	Tufts College
Harvard University	University of Massachusetts
Holy Cross College	University of Vermont
Lady of the Elms	U. S. Coast Guard Academy
Lowell State Teachers' College	U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis
Marietta College	Williams College
Mass. Inst. of Technology	Worcester Academy
Mass. School of Art	Yale University
Merrimac College	

Hospital Training Schools

Cooley Dickinson Hospital	St. Luke's Hospital
Franklin County Public Hospital	St. Vincent Hospital

A number of last year's graduates were successful in obtaining admission to higher institutions of learning in spite of the fact that the colleges are being deluged with thousands of applications.

There does not seem to be any relief in sight at least for the next few years, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for high school seniors to be admitted to the college of their choice.

In order to alleviate this situation somewhat, certain colleges are setting up quotas whereby 50% of veterans and 50% of current high school graduates are being admitted to their schools. It is not difficult to visualize the problem if we consider that in 1900, only 250,000 students were enrolled whereas in 1947, 2,354,000 were enrolled in colleges. One million of these were veterans who had deferred their education because of World War II.

This tremendous increase shows that the average high school senior is fortunate indeed if he is accepted by any college. It is a pleasure to report, however, that all students recommended by us were successful in their efforts to enroll at college.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Since our athletic programs are extra-curricular activities, I should like to express my sincere appreciation to the townspeople for their generosity in providing valuable additions to our athletic field.

The purchase of additional land is a far-sighted move which will certainly take care of an expanded athletic program in the years to come. The addition of a wire fence and bleachers have certainly filled a long-felt want in our athletic program. Not only do we now have comfortable accommodations for the spectators who have supported our activities throughout the years, but also it has simplified the matter of ticket sale and enables us to obtain all of the revenue possible. Since our program is financed by the revenue received from our athletic contests, it can be seen that this control of admissions will be a definite asset in the years to come.

It has been our purpose in formulating this program which is an integral part of a good school, to reach for and retain the support of as many students as possible in an endeavor to provide an outlet for leisure-time pursuits. During the past years, more than three-fourths of our student body participated in one or more of these activities.

The Class of 1947 presented the play "Harriet" to two capacity audiences. Under Miss Teed's direction, the performances were of the usual high order and the members of the cast did a splendid job. The work of our dramatics department, however, is not confined to the production of the Senior Play but functions throughout the entire year in many ways. Several outstanding one-act plays were presented during the regular assembly periods, thus giving a larger group of students an opportunity to express themselves and to take advantage of this training.

Prize Speaking, one of our traditional activities, was presented successfully in the Spring by the members of the Junior Class. This activity is now in its thirty-first year and is eagerly looked forward to by the students.

The high school band, under the direction of Mr. Farnam and Mr. Weiner, completed a busy year. In addition to playing at basketball games, it presented a concert at the Univer-

sity of Massachusetts Basketball Tournament. I refer you to the report of Mr. Weiner for a complete list of the activities of this busy organization. It is interesting to note that summer rehearsals were held and were well attended.

I wish to report that the band has finally been completely equipped with new uniforms and uniforms for the twirlers. These smart looking uniforms were purchased at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00, all of which was raised by the students themselves through concerts, socials, plays, etc.

The Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs continue to flourish under Miss Argy's direction. They also made several appearances during the year. I would refer you to Miss Argy's report for a picture of their activities.

The annual Varieties for the first time gave two performances. As usual a large number of students participated including the members of the Band, Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, Swingsters, and Tumblers. Mr. Farnam, Mr. Weiner, Miss Argy, Mr. Perkins, and Mrs. Reidy directed this annual production, while Miss DesOrmeaux and the members of the Art Department supervised the decorations.

Our school socials and assemblies were held as usual and fulfilled a definite place in our social and community life. We are always glad to welcome parents to our socials, and I wish that more parents would find it possible to enjoy these school activities with their children.

During American Education Week, our first Open House program was held in the evening. We were gratified to greet more than four hundred parents and friends at this event, and we hope that it will become an annual one since it gave many parents an opportunity to meet and to talk with the teachers. A one-act play was staged for the benefit of the parents and was well received. The splendid turn-out was just another indication of the fine cooperation and confidence which parents have always freely given to officials and teachers in the schools.

The French, Latin, Spanish, Home Economics and Art Clubs continued to present regular programs and conducted meetings periodically throughout the year.

The Community Service Club sponsored several worthwhile community projects, while the members of the school paper continued to produce issues of the Netop at regular intervals.

Conclusion

During the past year, we have received splendid cooperation and assistance from many people in the community.

Through the interest and enthusiasm of Mr. Russell Webster and Mr. Joseph Hyland, improvements to the lighting on the stage were made. These men with the assistance of several other interested men, voluntarily gave their time and effort to this project. We are grateful to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company and to all who assisted in any way to make this improvement possible.

The Clarence W. Allen Post which has assisted us many times in the past, continued its efficient work at our football games in the collection of tickets.

We are grateful to the Classes of 1913, 1936 and 1945 for making possible the presentation of awards at Commencement; to the Turners Falls Athletic Club for its splendid scholarship award of \$250.00 and the presentation of jackets to the senior members of the football squad; to the Turners Falls Rotary Club for its awards; to Mr. Wallace Marston for his donation of gold basketballs; and to Chief of Police, Walter Casey, and Superintendent of Streets, John Casey, for their assistance during the year.

We have also received donations of books for our Library from many interested citizens. Such interest on the part of the townspeople is encouraging and we are grateful for it.

Our teaching staff has been loyal and cooperative and the teachers have been willing to assist in any capacity. Without this spirit, a successful school year is not possible. Your assistance and cooperation as well as that of the School Committee is certainly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. WRIGHTSON,

Principal.

THE REPORT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPT.

Elementary Schools

The Physical Education program in the kindergarten and primary grades featured folk dancing, mimetic exercises, stunts, games, rhythmic action and story plays.

More strenuous exercises were used from the third grade through the eighth grade, and the rooms receiving 100% were: Miss Griffin's, Miss Alber's, Miss I. Hanifin's, Miss A. Hanifin's and Miss Grogan's.

The annual Field Days were conducted at Millers Falls on June 2; Montague City on June 4; and at Turners Falls on June 6.

High School Girls

The program for the Grammar and High School girls consisted of Danish exercises, square dances and games. The high school girls' hygiene course was continued throughout the year.

Tumbling

The Girls' Tumbling Team performed at the Small Schools Basketball Tournament at the University of Massachusetts on March 7, the annual Field Days at Millers Falls, Montague City and Turners Falls, and at the Variety Show in June.

The following girls were awarded letters for tumbling:

L. Bonnette	C. Duda
P. Lyman	A. Markol
R. Togneri	M. Cate
G. Banash	S. Rittall
A. Bane	G. Rittall
W. Kurtyka	C. Nadeau
B. DeGraffe	G. LaMountain
D. White	F. Webber
A. Milewski	C. Lyman
W. Garanin	R. Jarry
M. Coburn	S. Cossett
M. Thompson	M. Ouellette

Girls Basketball

The following girls were awarded their letters in varsity basketball:

	R. Togneri (Capt.)
K. McGurgan	J. Couture
L. Bonnette	J. Allen
P. Lyman	A. Markol (Mgr.)
W. Kurtyka	C. Duda (Asst. Mgr.)

The Girls' Basketball season resulted in three wins and seven losses.

The intra-mural basketball tournament started after the close of the varsity season, the Sophomore girls being the winners. The following were awarded their numerals:

J. Allen	J. Welsh
J. Couture	J. Kozloski
B. Richard	J. Lemerlin
H. Sennott	J. Bartley
J. Choleva	G. Banash

On March 14, all the basketball players were invited to the Northfield School for Girls for a play day.

High School and Grammar School Boys

The Boys' Physical and Health Education program has included the high school, seventh, eighth, and opportunity classes from the Grammar School.

The classes included instruction in the fundamentals of and participation in sports; in drills and marching; conditioning, corrective and posture exercises; and tumbling.

Health Education classes have been held for the Grammar School in conjunction with the physical activities.

The high school and Grammar School boys entered into the activities of the annual Field Day held in June at Unity Park.

After formation marching from the high school, the boys took part in mass calisthenics after which a group of high school boys put on a demonstration of tumbling.

Boys' Basketball

The 1946-1947 basketball season of twenty games ended with a record of eleven wins against nine losses.

In the Valley League, won by Westfield, we had a .500 average with five wins and five losses. In the final standings Turners Falls was tied for third place.

The Massachusetts State College Basketball Tournament was entered and we lost to Williamstown High School in the first round.

The annual Basketball Banquet was held in the Turners Falls High School cafeteria at the completion of the season. Mr. John Bunn of Springfield College was the main speaker and his inspirational speech was well received by the squad members and parents who were present. He was preceded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Putnam who gave short speeches.

Mr. Bernard Foley of the Faculty, supervised the freshmen basketball in a schedule of six games with nearby freshmen teams, and the Grammar School team, supervised by Mr. Putnam also had a six game schedule.

The Intra-mural league was conducted in two sections, with the veterans section being well represented by four teams. A well played tournament found a senior team from room 23 the winner.

Lettermen

Ramsay Parenteau	Paul Bourdeau
Donald McCormick	Edward Trembl
Edward Milkey	Raymond Bartlett
Kenneth Robinson	Herbert Escott
Thomas Matusz	Joseph Dion
Donald Tooley, Manager	

Track

Three track meets were attended in the spring of 1947. A triangular meet with Drury High School and Greenfield High School was won by Turners Falls, as was a dual meet with the Deerfield Academy second track team. The Western Massachusetts meet at Springfield was won by Classical High School of Springfield, and we were eleventh in a field of sixteen teams.

The annual fall meet at the Franklin County Fair was won by Turners Falls over Greenfield, with a score of 42 to 39 in a closely contested meet.

Track Lettermen

Robert Allen	Walter Cygan
Thomas Matusz	Francis Welcome
Donald McCormick	George Riel
Paul Bourdeau	David Paine
Kenneth Little	Raymond Bartlett
Robert MacIntyre	Armand Letourneau
Edward Milkey	Harvey Guilbault
Henry Martin	
Roger Parenteau, Manager	

Baseball

The 1946 Baseball season was a very good one from the standpoint of victories and losses. Fifteen games were won and five were lost.

The Valley League was hotly contested resulting in Turners Falls and Chicopee playing off the tie, with Chicopee winning 9 to 5.

The Rotary Club tendered a banquet to the team and awarded a sweater to Ramsay Parenteau and Kenneth Robinson.

The Marston Awards which have been given annually for many years, were presented to Donald McCormick and Philip Croteau.

Baseball letters and certificates were awarded to the following boys:

Donald McCormick
Joseph Dion
Philip Croteau
Robert MacIntyre
Raymond Bartlett
Kenneth Robinson

Herbert Escott
Edward Trembl
Paul Bourdeau
Harding Stewart
Edgar Mullins
Richard Partenheimer, Mgr.

The Freshmen team under the coaching of Mr. Foley, played a schedule of games and gained valuable experience for future teams.

Football

A squad of forty-one boys reported to Mr. Graeben on August 18. Prior to the starting of school, practice sessions were held twice daily. The T. formation was installed as our basic offensive formation. The line was coached and the scouting of opponents was done by Mr. Richard E. Putnam. All members of the squad were insured against injuries by the Council of New England Secondary School Athletes' Accident Benefit Fund.

The team's record was four wins, five losses, and one tie. This was with Agawam, the winner of the Western Massachusetts Championship.

The Junior Varsity, sophomore, and freshmen teams played a schedule of three games each.

Freshmen football was coached by Mr. Charles Galvin of the Faculty, with the assistance of Mr. Edward Bourdeau who was doing practice coaching and teaching at Turners Falls High School.

The Turners Falls Athletic Club gave football jackets to all seniors on the squad. This is appreciated by members of the team and coaches.

Dr. Kenneth Jacobus gave every valuable time and service in the treatment of the football injuries. This service is appreciated by the boys, their parents and coaches.

The annual Football Banquet was held in the school cafeteria. Letters and certificates were awarded to the players by Principal George F. Wrightson who served as toastmaster. Short talks were given by Superintendent Burke, Principal Wrightson, and the coaches. The guest speaker, Milton Piepul, was former All-American half-back of Notre Dame and at present is the backfield coach of Dartmouth College. He gave a good talk and showed moving pictures of the Dartmouth-Cornell game of 1947. An excellent turkey dinner was served by the freshmen members of the Home Economics class under the direction of Miss Alice Reum. Directed by Miss Florence Argy, the Boys Glee Club presented several selections that were vigorously applauded by all who attended.

Lettermen

Donald LeMoine	Kerwin Stotz
Robert MacIntyre	Ernest Milonas
Leonard Cadran	Edgar Mullins
James Viens	Francis Welcome
Robert Bassett	Kenneth Little
Jean Emond	Joseph Dion
Robert Lapidus	Carl Kurtgis
Herbert Escott	Norman Desautels
Raymond Collins	Paul Vivier
Walter Carlisle	George Riel
Raymond Bartlett	Eugene Podlenski
Donald Wyman	Donald Crouse
John Stotz	Alfred Verrier
Edward Trembl, Manager	

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Turners Falls Massachusetts

January 20, 1948

Mr. Arthur E. Burke,
Superintendent of Schools,
Turners Falls, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report as School Physician for Precinct 1.

Physical examinations of the entire student enrollment were completed in September. As is customary, separate physical examinations were made of all students participating in Track, Football and Basketball, including the Freshman squads.

During the football season, there were numerous minor injuries, all of which were treated at the office with good terminal results. In addition, a number of cases were also referred to the office by the school nurse, Miss Purrington.

At present, there is quite an epidemic of Colds and Grippe, doubtless due to the severity of the winter. Whooping Cough and Chicken Pox are also prevalent at this time. It is extremely gratifying to note the improvement in the condition of physical defects.

I wish to thank all who have been associated with me in this work, particularly Miss Purrington. I wish also at this time to gratefully acknowledge the expression of appreciation given me by Mr. Graeber, Mr. Putnam and the football team.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH W. B. JACOBUS, M. D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Millers Falls, Massachusetts
December 4, 1947

Mr. Arthur E. Burke,
Superintendent of Schools,
Turners Falls, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The children at the Highland School in Millers Falls were examined on October 7th and 8th. The general health of the students was excellent. Defects noted were mostly of a minor nature. Those more serious were few in number and the parents were notified.

The general nutrition of the student body as a whole, is improved over past years. The number of teeth and throat defects are less in number. Eight herniae were found. Four questionable heart ailments were encountered.

Under the present system where the students from Precincts 3 and 2 are combined in the same building, the conditions of course, are overcrowded. Up to the present time no threat to the general health has been encountered, and the crowded conditions have been handled very efficiently with conditions as they are in the building. However, I have been given to understand that there is no immediate prospect of this situation being relieved, and as your principal advisor in matters of health and sanitation, I call your attention to the following points:

1. Toilet Rooms.

The inspection of toilets and toilet room facilities showed a high degree of cleanliness throughout.

Recommendations:

- a. A new, modern type urinal be installed.
- b. More adequate washing facilities be installed.
- d. The drinking fountains be removed from toilet rooms and placed in the corridors outside the classrooms.

2. Lighting Facilities.

The overhead lighting in all classrooms I believe is inadequate.

Recommendation: That a survey be made and new lights of fluorescent type be installed.

3. Window Shades.

On certain sunny days the shades have to be drawn from the top to nearly the bottom of the window to occlude the light from those students nearest the windows.

Recommendation: I believe that an adjustment of the curtains whereby they are installed at the bottom of the windows and can be pulled upward, would remedy the situation.

4. Heating.

One of the room was over-heated. This is not conducive to efficiency and will contribute toward fatigue.

Recommendation: That some adjustment be made in the heating system to allow more even heating throughout.

5. Respiratory Infections.

Over-crowding is perhaps the major factor in the spread of respiratory infections.

Recommendation: That inasmuch as this cannot be alleviated at the present time, I suggest that you purchase ultra-violet radiation lamps to be installed in each classroom. I believe that these have passed the stage of experimentation and it is now generally conceded that they cut down the incidents of respiratory infections.

I wish to thank the school-teachers, janitor, and the students themselves, for their cooperation in my visits. I also, wish to commend Miss Purrington for her most effective handling of the groups for examination. The examinations were run off with speed and dispatch, due to her excellent planning.

Respectfully submitter,

WARREN D. THOMAS, M.D.,

School Physician, Precincts, 2 & 3,
Town of Montague.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Turners Falls, Mass.
January 10, 1948.

Mr. Arthur E. Burke,
Superintendent of Schools,
Turners Falls, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Burke:

I herewith submit my third annual report as School Nurse from January 1, 1947 to January 1, 1948.

At the beginning of the year we had a few cases of Scarlet Fever. In the fall we had a small epidemic of conjunctivitis, a few cases of whooping cough, and a few cases of skin infection.

The usual routine work of the School Nurse has been carried on with the purpose of:

1. Preventing and controlling communicable disease.
2. Teaching (individual and classroom) to develop good health habits.
3. Interpreting home conditions to school personnel.
4. Assisting school physicians with health examinations.
5. Conserving vision and hearing through testing devices.
6. Assisting to provide healthful environment.
7. Assisting with correction of defects.
8. Assisting teachers with daily observation of pupils.

Much time was spent in the Diphtheria Immunization Survey in our schools at the beginning of the year. We find that we need more protection against diphtheria among our school children. We sincerely hope that something can be done about this in 1948.

Mrs. Mary Carr Baker from the Department of Public Health spoke to our boys and girls of the seventh and eighth grades and to the girls of the High School on "Personality Charm." Those of us who heard her benefited, I am sure, and want to develop that "Charm" of which she spoke and demonstrated by the charm of her own personality.

The usual amount of time and thought was devoted to arrangements for and selection of children who attended the annual summer health camps.

A new project which involved a great deal of time and work was the brochure, "Getting Ready for School." This booklet was designed primarily for parents of children entering school for the first time. It contains a great deal of valuable information and should be kept for ready reference by teachers and parents, not only in the first year of the child's school career but throughout his entire elementary school years. I want especially to thank Mary O'Brien, the first grade teachers, Miss Stratton, and Miss Kelley for all the assistance given in compiling this brochure.

A metal record file was purchased and placed in the School Nurse's office. A cumulative health record is valuable in the study of the health history of the individual pupil.

Letters were sent to all parents this fall whose children were found to have a hearing loss and whom we felt should be placed in the Lip Reading Class. One of the important points in this letter was that the pupil should see an ear specialist.

Assistance was given Mr. and Mrs. Laudon of the Modern Age Cuisine in their very generous offer to give a Christmas Party to some of our children. About thirty-five children were given a very lovely party and some very fine presents. We do appreciate the co-operation of everyone who helped in this very worthwhile undertaking.

We need every parent's co-operation in order to have the best possible health program in our schools. One child sent to school or allowed to go to public gatherings with an infection or a communicable condition might cause an epidemic.

A list of visits and other work follows:

Pupils taken to physicians	19
Hospital visits	15
Transportation home	23
Pupils taken to dentist's office	2
Pupils taken to Pediatric Clinic	2
Pupils taken to Orthopedic Clinic	1
Pupils taken to Crippled Children's Clinic	2
Pupils taken to Child Guidance Clinic	1
Pupils taken to Oculist	2
Special Investigations	48
Home visits	179
Office visits	85
Assistance in placing pupils in State Schools	2

Meetings attended:

School Health Conference—Amherst	1
Series of School Health Round Table	5
Lunch Managers' Institute	1

Assistance giiven through Montague Teachers' Club:

Pupils receiving milk	8
Lens in glasses replaced	1
Pupils fitted to glasses	2

Assistance given through Salvation Army (local committee):

Pupils sent to Salvation Army Camp	1
Pupil fitted to glasses	1
Pupils' teeth cared for	2

I wish to thank all who have assisted me in any way as School Nurse. It is only by co-peration such as I have received that the health in our schools can reach the goal for which we are striving.

Respectfully submitted,

EUPHRASIA PURRINGTON,

School Nurse.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE CLASS OF 1947

Turners Falls High School Auditorium

Thursday, June 1, 1947

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL:

Alumni March *Van Barr*
 High School Orchestra

HONOR ESSAY:

Portraits *Carolyn Kendrow*

HONOR ESSAY:

Youth *Annette Corbiere*

ORCHESTRAL SELECTION:

The Merry Widow *Franz Lehar*
 High School Orchestra

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS:

The Structure and Development of Personality
Professor Willem Johannes Pinard
Boston University

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS:

Arthur E. Burke, Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

George F. Wrightson, Principal
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal *Robert Lancy*
 Washington and Franklin Medal *June Mann*
 Becker College Medal *Wanda Garanin*
 Turners Falls Rotary Club Award *Robert Allen*
 Class of 1913 Award *Marilyn Casey*
 Class of 1936 Award *Carolyn Kendrow*
 Class of 1945, Joseph J. Sheff
 Memorial Award *Edward Milkey*
 Turners Falls Athletic Club Scholarship
 Award *Henry Martin*

CLASS SONG: *Class of 1947*

ALMA MATER: *Student Body*

RECESSIONAL:

Pomp and Circumstance *Elgar*
 High School Orchestra

CLASS MOTTO:

"To be Simple is to be Great."

LIST OF GRADUATES

Class of 1947

*Richard Frederick Alber
 Robert George Allen, Jr.
 Alice May Annear
 Stanley Edward Banash, Jr.
 Isabelle Margaret Barnes
 Philip Joseph Beaubien
 Leonard Joseph Berard
 Richard Wilder Blood
 Robert Edward Boissy
 Alderic Bernard Bourbeau
 Edward William, Bourbeau, Jr.
 John Lionel Bourbeau
 Albert Joseph Brule
 George Robert Burns
 Marjorie Alice Cade
 Robert Alfred Cadran
 Walter Donald Carey
 John Patrick Carroll, Jr.
 *Marilyn Bridget Casey
 Walter Frank Cisko
 Richard Gordon Clark
 *Minnierose Clough
 ††*Annette Marie Corbiere
 Herman Jay Covey
 John Richard Cronen
 ¶Philip Henry Croteau
 Chester Francis Czuj
 Jeanne Marie Dale
 Eileen Ruth Desautels
 John Frederick Dodge
 Jean Theresa Donovan
 Margaret Ann Equi
 Lorraine Irene Gallant
 *Wanda Blanche Garandin
 Winnifred Eleanor Gillette
 Robert Joseph Girard
 Francis George Guilbault, Jr.
 Harvey Louis Wilfred Guilbault
 Paul Frederick Guy
 Henry Louis Hmielecki
 Barbara Helen Jackson
 *Roberta Mae Judd
 Arlene Mae Kaminski
 James Edward Kelly
 Nancy Lou Kelly
 ††*Carolyn Helen Kendrow
 Dorothy Eleanor Kozik

Turners Falls High School

Helen Marie Kurtyka
 Wilhelmina Rose Kurtyka
 Robert Alan Lancey
 Ronald Chester LaRoche
 Earl Robert Lenois
 Armand Joseph Letourneau
 *Teresa Margaret Lobley
 Donald George Luippold
 Florence Haigis Luippold
 *June Lorraine Mann
 *Amelia Agnes Markol
 *Florence Rita Marlowe
 Edwin Frank Marszalek
 Henry George Martin
 *Ruth Marian Marvel
 Thomas George Matusz
 ¶Donald McCormick
 *Kathleen Rose McGurgan
 Alice Gertrude Milewski
 Edward John Milkey
 Margaret Mary Mullins
 Claire Theresa Nadeau
 Mary Jane Newton
 Edwina Irene Noga
 John Joseph Noga
 Jean Elizabeth O'Connell
 §Ramsay Joseph Parenteau
 §Kenneth Alvah Robinson
 Phyllis Teresa Rosewarne
 Howard Kenneth Roth
 *Shirley Mae Rushford
 Elizabeth Anna Schatz
 Francis Daniel Shanahan
 Thomas Leo Shanahan
 Robert Leo Sicard
 James Boyd Stewart
 *Dorothy Marie Ellen Thomas
 Robert Warren Thomas
 Jean Louise Togneri
 Rose Marie Togneri
 Edwin James Vlach
 Barbara Helen Ware
 *Pearl Elmyra Warren
 Jeanne Elizabeth Welcome
 Dorothy Margaret White
 *Florence Blanche Wozniak
 Edwin Joseph Zitta

*Members of Pro Merito Society

†Honorary Membership Woman's Club

‡Honor Essayists

§Winners of Rotary Club Athletic Awards

¶Winners of Marston Awards

MONTAGUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE—OCTOBER 1, 1947

Age	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Kinderg'ten	Boys	5	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Grade 1	Girls	9	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
	Boys	33	42	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77
Grade 2	Girls	..	28	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62
	Boys	..	18	35	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
Grade 3	Girls	..	..	23	33	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
	Boys	..	..	..	9	29	12	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
Grade 4	Girls	..	..	..	13	25	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
	Boys	..	..	..	10	31	8	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
Grade 5	Girls	..	..	..	..	16	33	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
	Boys	..	..	..	..	..	8	21	12	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
Grade 6	Girls	..	..	..	..	..	9	21	12	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
	Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	19	11	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Grade 7	Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	22	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
	Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	24	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Grade 8	Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	21	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
	Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	24	9	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
Special	Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	21	9	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
	Boys	..	..	1	1	1	2	5	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Grade 9	Girls	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
	Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	29	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Grade 10	Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	44	11	3	..	..	..	..	..	68
	Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	21	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	48
Grade 11	Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	36	7	2	..	..	..	..	59
	Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	15	13	3	1	..	..	..	43
Grade 12	Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	29	8	3	..	..	..	52
	Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	21	8	..	2	1	..	50
Post Grad.	Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	22	..	..	..	..	49
	Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
	Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL		14	83	118	94	89	102	81	97	101	83	129	114	111	69	14	3	2	1 1305
BOYS		5	42	61	47	45	52	42	45	50	43	60	50	47	36	11	1	2	1 640
GIRLS		9	41	57	47	44	50	39	52	51	40	69	64	64	33	3	2	..	665

